

United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

Major Activities

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

Protects and manages 187.5 million acres:
183.0 million acres National Forests
3.8 million acres National Grasslands
443,547 acres of Land Utilization Projects,
Purchase Units, Research and Experimental Areas, and others.

On these lands are:

More than 3.7 million big game animals.
217.4 million cu. ft. of standing timber (1970).

39 endangered wildlife species.

Fiscal Year 1975 Income:

\$373 million from National Forests as follows:

\$341.3 million from timber sales
\$7.7 million from grazing fees
\$12.4 million from mineral receipts
\$9.7 million from recreation admission and user fees
\$.5 million from power
\$1.4 million from land use fees

In Fiscal Year 1976:

\$89.7 million was returned to States

In Fiscal Year 1975:

9.2 billion bd. ft. timber harvested (under strict regulation)

13.6 billion bd. ft. allowable annual cut

1.4 million cattle grazed

1.5 million sheep grazed

578 million forest and windbarrier planting stock distributed, under cooperative programs

292,954 acres planted and seeded

68,727 acres of natural regeneration

454,496 acres of stand improvement

113.6 million tree seedlings produced in Federal nurseries

199 million visitor days recreational use (calendar year 1975)

13,713 miles of road constructed and reconstructed

6,843.5 miles of road constructed and reconstructed by timber purchasers

127,368 woodland owners assisted, affecting 10.4 million acres; .7 million bd. ft. of timber products harvested

10,804 fires promptly controlled on lands protected by Forest Service (calendar year 1975)

133,198 acres burned (calendar year 1975)

RESEARCH

Through Science Produces
Knowledge and Technology
for

Managing Resources

Timber

Water

Range

Wildlife Habitat

Recreation

Protecting Resources

Fire

Insect

Disease

Pollution

Utilizing Wood Resources

Wood Products

Marketing

Engineering Systems

Plus

Resource Surveys and Related Economics

8 Forest and Range Experiment Stations

1 Forest Products Laboratory

1 Institute of Tropical Forestry

80 Other Research Locations

94 Experimental Forests and Ranges

119 Research Natural Areas

340 Research Projects

3,700 Individual Studies

1,112 Scientists

1,300 Publications Annually

COOPERATION

With

State and Private

Owners

on 393 Million Acres

To

Meet the Needs of an

Expanding Population

Through

Providing Protection

Reforestation

(1.6 Million Acres in 1975)

Increasing Forest Yields

Utilizing Forest Products

Reducing Wood Waste

Conserving Soil and Water

Providing Forest Recreation

Enhancing Natural Beauty

Increasing Fish and Wildlife

2 Areas and 7 Regions

Cooperation with 50 States, Puerto Rico,
Guam, and the Virgin Islands

Public Agencies, Community Development
Organizations, and Forest Industry

9 Regions

154 National Forests*

19 National Grasslands*

16 Land Utilization Projects*

11 Nurseries*

669 Ranger Districts*

17 Job Corps Centers

* Administered by 121 Forest Supervisors